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## THE SENSATIONSHIP.

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10th	17
11th	16
12th	15
13th	15
14th	15
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16th	15
Total	130
necessary to elect	51

There is no doubt that Senator Ogleby's chances have improved greatly within the past two weeks, and while the partisans of the other leading candidate have been persistently claiming that he had a large majority of the caucus, investigation has led many good judges to the conclusion that he has in reality not more than half as many as Ogleby. The prospects are good for the re-election of our distinguished townsmen.

There was a meeting of the cabinet yesterday, but the members were too deeply absorbed in speculating about the probable contents of their stockings this morning to give a thought to the Berlin mission. Harran and Banks will not be put out of their misery until Mr. Hayes digests the stomachache following his Christmas lemonade.—Chicago Times.

"The accounts from the South this morning," says Sunday's New York Herald, "are not calculated to increase one's belief in the near approach of the millennium. While two Grand Jury witnesses are being murdered by one mob in Louisiana, two negroes are being lynched in North Carolina by another one."

WHILE in New York, Secretary Sherman has been talking with bankers and merchants about the merits of a new project, designed to avoid the handling of coin in the payment of duties at the custom-house. The plan proposes that merchants, instead of sending in actual coin, shall draw checks upon certain banks for each entry upon which they wish to pay duties, the banks keeping always a balance sufficient to cover the checks in the sub-treasury. It is supposed that under this scheme the mercantile demand for coin to be used in the payment of duties will almost entirely cease.

Hann is another prison romance:—John Smith, a convict in the Ohio Penitentiary, sick with consumption, was granted a pardon. The warden carried the document to the invalid with some misgivings in his mind, possibly, as some ten years ago a consumptive prisoner who was pardoned, that he might die at home, stole five horses and a carriage before he had been a week out of prison. In this case the prisoner took the pardon in his hand, kissed it with child, and died. A few days later a lady, richly dressed and heavily veiled, claimed the remains, and returned with them to a neighborhood that knew her husband by another name.

We have no objections to anybody's preference for Gen. Logan over Gen. Ogleby as a candidate for United States Senator, but we confess it makes us just a little sick to read communications from "stalwart republicans" in the Chicago Inter-Ocean favoring Logan on the ground that he is a republican of the stalwart sort. We would like to know if Dick Ogleby isn't a "stalwart republican?" He was one of the stalwarts when John A. Logan was doing the dirtiest kind of work for the democratic party. We are not ashamed to confess that we are in favor of Ogleby, among other reasons because he is of the old stalwart stock and was never tainted with that internal heresy of "state rights," which was the basis of all the woes following secession and the war. Gen. Logan we believe to be a sincere republican, but, nevertheless, he has brought up and educated in the same right school of Calhoun and the Democracy. Apostates from the great mass of the republican party have been mostly from those who drank in "state rights" with their mother's milk. For instance, Palmer, Trumbull, Farnsworth and others of this school, all of whom had their republicanism with ease, being in the old "state rights" stock. So is Ogleby as his own successor. He never bowed and stalwart Logan may be "lost his grip" two years ago in the senatorial contest, and he ought to be allowed to contest himself by keeping out of the seat now occupied by Gen. Davis.—Benton Courier.

## LIVER IS KING.

Liver is the imperial organ of the human system, as it controls the health and happiness of man. When subjected to its proper action, all diseases are the natural result. Diseases of food, the movements of the human system, are all inseparably connected with the workings of the liver. It has been successfully treated by Dr. Green's August Flower in curing all persons afflicted with diseases of the liver. Dr. Green's August Flower is easily obtained in all towns and cities. There does not seem to be any, to whom it is not a great benefit to take it. The hide-bound Democrats of the North will have to stand still.

For the REPUBLICAN.  
MORAL LOTTERIES.

It is clear that the law can know no distinction in law-breakers, and can make no exceptions; what is "sance for the goose must be sance for the gander," and Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, rich and poor, high and low, must all be treated alike—else law becomes a farce.

By reference to the Decatur papers it will be seen that the temperance people are proposing to have a fair and festival next week for temperance purposes. The purpose is right, and properly conducted the means are right; but it is said that certain articles are to be sold by lottery, or raffled off. Attention is called to the following extracts from the Revised Statutes of Illinois, and parties interested are invited to read what our City Ordinances say on the same subject:

Whoever sets up or promotes any lottery for money, or by way of lottery distributes of any property of value—by lot, number, game or hazard; and whoever aids either by printing or writing, or is in any way concerned in setting up, managing or drawing such lottery; or whoever in a house, shop or building owned by him, knowingly permits the setting up, managing or drawing of such lottery, or the sale of a lottery ticket, or share of a ticket, or any token or device entitling the holder to a share of or interest in a prize, or who knowingly suffers money or other property to be raffled for in such house, shop or building; or whoever sells or offers for sale, or has in his possession with intent to sell, any ticket in any such lottery, shall, for each of the above offenses, be fined not exceeding \$3,000.—And whoever prints, publishes, distributes or circulates any advertisement of any lottery ticket, or invites any other person to purchase or receive the same, shall, for each offense, be fined not less than \$100. And all persons who commit either of the above offenses, after conviction shall be confined one year in the county jail, besides paying the fine of \$100; and all sums of money, and every valuable thing drawn as a prize in any lottery, shall be forfeited, and may be recovered by information filed on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois.

Now the above is as clear as sunlight; and no church, no society, has any more right to break these laws than the meanest private citizen; and all churches and societies ought to be held to the above laws, for if your children are taught in the name of a church or temperance to violate the law, who can blame them for becoming gamblers on their own account? We understand that the recent fair held at the Tabernacle will be looked into by the grand jury, and if the temperance people intend to violate the law they, too, will be looked after.

If we can't raise money legitimately let our churches and tabernacles rot down, for that were better than to corrupt the morals of the city.

We have given the law, and now call the attention of our officers and the grand jury to this matter. Let us hold all classes to the same accountability, for law-breaking won't pay; and the law will make no difference between a raffling, gambling church or society and any other gambler or raffler. The end will not justify the means. Let us look a little out about this matter, as some people mean business.

## TEMPERANCE.

## AN EXCELLENT PARALLEL.

The Hoosier Chronicle presents the following illustration of the hard road newspapers have to travel in a business way, and we trust the parallel drawn may be recognized by every patron of the REPUBLICAN who is behind in the payment of his subscription:

We suppose that many people think that newspaper men are persistent dunces, let a farmer place himself in a similar business position and see if he would not do the same. Suppose he raised one thousand bushels of wheat, and his neighbor could come in and buy a bushel, and the price was a small matter of only two dollars or less, and the neighbor says, "I will hand you the amount in a few days." As the farmer does not want to appear small about the matter, he says all right, and the man leaves with the wheat. Another comes in the same way until the whole of the one thousand bushels of wheat are信任ed out to one thousand different persons, and not one of the purchasers concerns himself about it, for it is a small amount that he owes the farmer, and of course that would not help him any. He does not realize that the farmer has trifled away all his large crop of wheat, and that its value is due him in a thousand little dribs and that he is seriously embarrassed in his business because his debtors treat it as a little matter.

Senator Thurman is also having prepared certain documentary evidence and the names of witnesses, which he will transmit to the committee. It is also proposed to lay before the committee evidence of extensive ballot-box stuffing in Philadelphia at the recent election.

## WOMAN'S RIGHTS IN OREGON.

The Legislature of Oregon, at its last session, passed a law in relation to the property-rights of married women, which puts that state in advance of all others on this subject. The following are the leading provisions of the law: 1. That the property owned by a woman at the time of marriage, or acquired thereafter by gift, devise, or inheritance, shall not be liable for the debts or contracts of the husband; and that the wife may manage, sell, devise, and convey the same as fully as the husband can his property. 2. That the property of either husband or wife shall not be liable for debts or contracts of the other. 3. That an action may be maintained by either the husband or wife against the other for the recovery of property of which the other has obtained possession, the same as if they were unmarried. 4. That, for civil injuries committed by the wife, damages can be recovered of her alone, except in cases where the husband is jointly responsible. 5. That conveyances of liens from one to the other shall be valid. 6. That the one may constitute the other his or her attorney for mutual benefit, or attorney in fact. 7. That the wife may recover the wages of her personal labor in her own name. 8. That the expenses of the family and the education of children shall be chargeable on the property of both husband and wife, or on that of either of them.

## Mid-Bound Northern Democrats.

Vicksburg (Miss.) Herald (Dem.) The Hon. E. J. Ellis, of Louisiana, says many of the Northern Republicans are favorable to Mr. Lamar's Levee bill, but the trouble to be overcome is to get the Speaker to let it come before the House. Mr. Samuel Randall seems to be afraid that the South may receive some justice while he is Speaker. We consider him as worse than the Northern Republicans who are willing to do what is right in the matter. Our leaders in Congress may dilly-dally as long as they please with this sort of men, but we don't intend to waste any more time with them. It is worse than folly to ask the people of the South to follow the lead of such men as Randall. Some of the Republicans at the North are certainly able and better than many of our so-called friends, and, when they begin to seek strength with the white people, where it is to be found, and by whom, look out for cracking among old timber. The hide-bound Democrats of the North will have to stand still.

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The Patent Corset Comforts—Bartree's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Modo's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Boxes, together with the best and cheapest French Corsets in the city, at Jan. 22-d1w. (Lars & Schaefer's)

All who consult personal comfort will be sure to invest in these beautiful winter caps and choice furs, at Clark's, on Merchant street. (Nov. 28-d1w)

## TELEGRAPHIC

## A BOSTON CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

## IN WHICH A WIFE IS KILLED BY HER HUSBAND.

## WASHINGTON WHISPERS.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Some time during Tuesday evening a most horrible crime was committed at 85 Sudbury street in this city, in which two persons, a man and his wife, met their death. This morning, while Superintendent of Police Adams was at his office at the City Hall, two gentlemen, named Chas. G. and Albert F. Wilson, entered and stated that their father, Ezra Wilson, had shot his wife and then committed suicide, at his store, 85 Sudbury street, and that the bodies were lying there.

A detail of police was sent to investigate the case, and upon arriving at the store they found the two sons awaiting them, and all entered, when, upon proceeding to the rear of the store a horrible sight met their gaze. On the floor, lying opposite the center door and to the left of the other entrance, was Mrs. Wilson. Further back, between two marble-topped tables used for rolling candy, lay Mr. Wilson in a pool of blood. Both man and wife were dead. The bodies were taken to the Morgue this afternoon. On Tuesday afternoon, being previous to a holiday, business was brisk and considerable confectionery was made. Chas. C. Wilson and his wife were in the rear room, which is used as a work-shop, when about 5 o'clock a lady entered the front room and Charles said he thought that she was his father's wife. Soon after he went into the rear room, and in an excited tone said, "I want you to go home as soon as possible, don't wait, but go now." Charles said, "Fagher, we are going to have a Christmas tree at the house tonight and we want you to come, as we have lots of presents for you." Wilson replied, "No," and urged that they leave at once, which they did, supposing their father had some important business to transact, and knowing his excitable nature thought best to do as they were bid. They heard Mrs. Wilson remark to her husband that she must take the 6:40 train, and as one leaves at that time for Lawrence, it is thought that she contemplated passing Christmas at that place. This was the last seen of Mr. Wilson, when both were found stiff and cold in death's embrace this morning. The motive for this vile deed can only be attributed to the age of Mr. Wilson and to the hallucination that his wife was not as true to him as she should have been. It also appears that a well-known physician is somewhat implicated as it is ascertained that the old man visited him often. She advised him in regard to his affairs. Mr. Wilson was from Lawrence, about sixty years of age, highly respected and doing a good business. Mrs. Wilson was a native of Foxcroft, Maine, and was a pure, noble-minded woman, devotedly attached to her husband, whose only fault was his doubts of her constancy.

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The friends of Senator Blaine say he will respond to the investigation of the committee under his resolution, and will furnish the names of witnesses as the authority on which he based his statement.

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"The accounts from the South this morning," says Sunday's New York Herald, "are not calculated to increase one's belief in the near approach of the millennium. While two Grand Jury witnesses are being murdered by one mob in Louisiana, two negroes are being lynched in North Carolina by another one."

WHILE in New York, Secretary Sherman has been talking with bankers and merchants about the merits of a new project, designed to avoid the handling of coin in the payment of duties at the custom-house. The plan proposes that merchants, instead of sending in actual coin, shall draw checks upon certain banks for each entry upon which they wish to pay duties, the banks keeping always a balance sufficient to cover the payment of duties will almost entirely cease.

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THE Chicago Tribune of Tuesday publishes a table giving the probable vote of the Republicans for United States Senator. The vote is given by districts, beginning with the 8th, the estimate exceeding the sixteen members from the seven Cook county districts to Mr. Carroll. The summary is as follows:

Total..... 102  
Secretary to a choice..... 55  
Carroll..... 24  
Weller..... 18  
Monroe..... 17

For the REPUBLICAN.  
MORAL LOTTERIES.

It is clear that the law can know no distinction in law-breakers, and can make no exceptions; what is "sance for the goose must be sance for the gander," and Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, rich and poor, high and low, must all be treated alike—else law becomes a farce.

By reference to the Decatur papers it will be seen that the temperance people are proposing to have a fair and festival next week for temperance purposes. The purpose is right, and properly conducted the means are right; but it is said that certain articles are to be sold by lottery, or raffled off. Attention is called to the following extracts from the Revised Statutes of Illinois, and parties interested are invited to read what our City Ordinances say on the same subject:

Whoever sets up or promotes any lottery for money, or by way of lottery dispose of any property of value—by lot, number, game or hazard; and whoever aids either by printing or writing, or is in any way concerned in setting up, managing or drawing such lottery; or whatever is done, knowing or permitting the setting up, managing or drawing of such lottery, or the sale of a lottery ticket, or share of a ticket, or any token or device entitling the holder to a share of the interest in a prize, or who knowingly sufficient money, other property to be raffled for in such house, shop or building, or whoever sells or offers for sale, or has in his possession with intent to sell, any ticket in any such lottery, shall, for each of the above offenses, be fined not exceeding \$2,000. And whenever prints, publishes, distributes or circulates any advertisement of any lottery ticket, or invites any other person to purchase or receive the same, shall, for each offense, be fined not less than \$100. And all persons who commit either of the above offenses, after conviction shall be confined one year in the county jail, besides paying the fine of \$100; and all sums of money, and every valuable thing drawn as a prize in any lottery, shall be forfeited, and may be recovered by information filed on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois.

Now the above is as clear as sunlight; and no church, no society, has any more right to break these laws than the meanest private citizen; and all churches and societies ought to be held to the above laws, for if your children are taught in the name of church or temperance to violate the law, who can blame them for becoming gamblers on their own account? We understand that the recent fair held at the Tabernacle will be looked into by the grand jury, and if the temperance people intend to violate the law they, too, will be looked after.

If we can't raise money legitimately let our churches and tabernacles rot down, for that were better than to corrupt the morals of the city.

We have given the law, and now call the attention of our officers and the grand jury to this matter. Let us hold all classes to the same accountability, for law-breaking won't pay; and the law will make no difference between a raffling, gambling church or society and any other gambler or raffler. The end will not justify the means. "Let us look a little out" about this matter, as some people mean business.

#### TEMPERANCE.

#### AN EXCELLENT PARALLEL.

The Hoosier Chronicle presents the following illustration of the hard road newspapers have to travel in a business way, and we trust the parallel drawn may be recognised by every patron of the REPUBLICAN who is behind in the payment of his subscription:

We suppose that many people think that newspaper men are persistent dunces, but a farmer place himself in a similar business position and see if he would not do the same. Suppose he raised one thousand bushels of wheat, and his neighbor could come in and buy a bushel, and the price was a small matter of only two dollars or less, and the neighbor says, "I will hand you the amount in a few days." As the farmer does not want to appear small about the matter, he says all right, and the man leaves with the wheat. Another comes in the same way until the whole of the one thousand bushels of wheat are scattered out to one thousand different persons, and not one of the purchasers concerns himself about it, for it is a small amount that he owes the farmer, and of course that would not help him any. He does not realise that the farmer has frittered away all his large crop of wheat, and that its value is due him in a thousand little dribbles, and that he is seriously embarrassed in his business because his debtors treat it as a little matter. But if they would pay him promptly, which they could do as well as not, it would be a very large amount to the farmer, and enable him to carry on his business without difficulty. The above comparison is too true of the difficulties that the newspaper man has to contend with.

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## TELEGRAPHIC

### A BOSTON CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

#### IN WHICH A WIFE IS KILLED BY HER HUSBAND.

#### WASHINGTON WHISPERS.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Some time during Tuesday evening a most horrible crime was committed at 83 Sudbury street in this city, in which two persons, a man and his wife, met their death. This morning, while Superintendent of Police Adams was at his office at the City Hall, two gentlemen, named Chas. G. and Albert F. Wilson, entered and stated that their father, Ezra Wilson, had shot his wife and then committed suicide, at his store, 85 Sudbury street, and that the bodies were lying there. A detail of police was sent to investigate the case, and upon arriving at the store they found the two sons awaiting them, and all entreated, when, upon proceeding to the rear of the store a horrible sight met their gaze. On the floor, lying opposite the center door and to the left of the other entrance, was Mrs. Wilson. Further back, between two marble-topped tables used for rolling candy, lay Mr. Wilson in a pool of blood. Both man and wife were dead. The bodies were taken to the Morgue this afternoon. On Tuesday afternoon, being previous to a holiday, business was brisk and considerable confectionery was made. Chas. C. Wilson and his wife were in the rear room, which is used as a work-shop, when about 5 o'clock a lady entered from the front room and Charles said he thought that she was his father's wife. Soon after he went into the rear room, and in an excited tone said, "I want you to go home as soon as possible; don't wait, but go now." Charles said, "Father, we are going to have a Christmas tree at the house tonight and we want you to come, as we have lots of presents for you." Wilson replied, "No," and urged that they leave at once, which they did, supposing their father had some important business to transact, and knowing his excitable nature thought best to do as they were bid. They heard Mrs. Wilson remark to her husband that she must take the 6:40 train, and as one leaves at that time for Lawrence, it is thought that she will please distribute at your judgment offices. I am, respectively, &c., A. J. GALLAGHER.

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Silk Handkerchiefs, Ties, Bows, Hutchings, Cuffs and Collars, in sets, and without sets, and lace sets, all fresh new goods, the latest styles, a suitable and useful present, you can find the largest stock at the lowest prices at GOLDFINGER'S. Dec. 18-d&wtf.

Beautiful presents, such as cameo sets for ladies and misses, cameo cuff buttons and rings of all sizes, at W. W. Boulders, Merchant street. (dec23-d1w).

The finest line of gents' underwear in the city, at Elliott & Anderson's. Dec23d&wtf.

Men's, boys' and youths' overcoats—beast in the market—at Elliott & Anderson's. Dec23d&wtf.

If you want mill feed, corn or oats, you can be supplied at SHELLABARGER'S. Dec. 18-d&wtf.

More bargains in holiday goods, at J. M. Stookey & Co's. Don't fail to look in there before purchasing. dec20-dtf.

An Elegant Assortment of fine all-wool Scotch, Cashmere Suits, for young men's wear, at B. STINE, Oct. 3-dif The Boss Clothier.

Dec. 18, 1878—d&wtf.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Or any Other Days.

ROGER'S Silver Plated Casters, PICKLE JARS, single and double; KNIVES and FORKS, triple plate; CARD RECEIVERS; SILVER MOUNTED FRUIT BOWLS; A nice Stereoscope and one dozen fine pieces for \$1, at J. M. Stookey & Co's. Dec. 20, dif.

Barney & Berry's Club Skates, at H. Mueller & Co's gun store, East Main st. Dec. 13-dif.

Be sure to see these large, new China MUSTACHE CUPS; MOTO CUPS and SAUCERS; A great variety of CHINA, METAL, and other FANCY GOODS; STOCK AS LARGE AS ANY IN THE CITY.

For superior quality of Goods and desirable Styles, is not equalled.

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TOYS!

In wood, metal, glass, china, and composition.

DOLLS!

All sizes—china and wax; A Job lot of large WAX DOLLS, at half price;

Query:—Why will men smoke common tobacco, when they can buy Marlboro Bros.' Seal of North Carolina at the same price? Jan17'78-dif.

In looking around for a suitable Christmas or New Year's gift, don't fail to see the novelties on exhibition at J. T. Hubbard's drug store, such as beautiful celluloid toilet sets, hair, tooth and nail brushes, full variety of fancy toilet soap, and a complete line of the finest perfumery in the market. (Dec. 23-dif).

Skates: Skates 11—Buy Barney & Berry's, the only first-class skates in the market, for sale at H. Mueller & Co's gun store, East Main street. (dec23d&wtf).

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The Patent Corset Comforts—Bordereau's Adjustable, Fox's Supporter, Moody's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheapest French Corsets in the city. (Dec. 23-d&wtf).

Gents' scarf pins, shirt studs, sleeve buttons—all the latest novelties—at W. W. Boulders, Merchant St. (Dec. 23-d&wtf).

All who consult personal comfort will be sure to invest in those beautiful winter caps and choice furs, at Clark's, on Merchant street. (Nov23-dif).

R. LIDDLE, Court House Block. Dec. 21-d&wtf.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FESTIVAL.

A Three Days' Entertainment.

The temperance people of Decatur and Macon county will give a grand fair and festival at the Tabernacle, to commence on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, and continue three days and nights. There will be an abundance of good things to eat, and a great variety of articles will be on sale—making the most complete entertainment of the kind that has come off the present winter. Among the articles to be sold by tickets will be a fine hard coal bus heating stove, a magnificent gold-headed cane, a beautiful rocking chair, a silver set, with a full line of mutton, pork, veal and all varieties of meats, of the best quality. This old and reliable establishment makes it a point to keep the best of everything in their line, and the extensive patronage enjoyed by Imboden & Son shows that their enterprise is duly appreciated by their fellow-citizens.

Dec. 23-dif.

TABERNACLE.

Grand Entertainment Friday Eve., December 27th.

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ADDITIONAL local news on second page.

We shall soon be done writing 1878.

The first sleighing we have had for several years.

At First M. E. Church this evening.

Some new bargains daily, at J. M. Stockey & Co's

Dec 20, dtf.

EVERYBODY, look at Barber & Baker's

slippers.

Somewhat was the rule yesterday, though a few claps got "too full" for utterance or straight walking.

100 Pairs OYSTERS, every style, 25 cents, at "MARTIN'S."

Dec 19, dtf.

You & Bros. are well fixed for the holiday trade. Call and see.

Dec 19, dtf.

The cutting is being pushed with all the force of hands that can be obtained, and the harvest will be mostly gathered this week if the weather continues cool.

REMEMBER, the place to buy slippers is at Barber & Baker's.

Dec 19, dtf.

REMEMBER the large stock of Organs that C. B. Prescott is selling so cheap.

Nov 25, dtf.

The colored Baptist congregation will repeat their sociable and festival at the 9 and jury room this evening. Admission including supper, 10 cents. The public cordially invited.

C. B. Prescott's is the place to buy a fine Piano or Organ for a Christmas present.

Dec 20, dtf.

SIMPLY ENOUGH's patent process flour gives one half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here.

Dec 19, dtf.

WHERE are all the fellows who intend to run for office at the coming city election? This is to admonish them that if they don't announce soon they are sure to be beaten.

A HOUSE to rent on Cerro Gordo street, near Pratt's store. Enquire of E. B. Pratt, North Church st.

Nov 23, dtf.

AMONG the numerous presents recorded for Christmas, 1878, is a fine gold watch presented to Wm. Bushford, the efficient switchman, at the "target," St. Louis junction. We learn that he is also the recipient of many other presents.

There was a fair attendance at the 1st M. E. Church last night and an excellent meeting was had. There will be preaching there again to-night at 7 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The National Printing Co., of Chicago, are getting out the fleet printing for the Myers Sisters ever done at any office in this country. With their new opera bouffe "Vilma" and a company of 16, including Billy Kersands, the great comedian, they are drawing the biggest houses of any troupe on the road. They are to be here January 6th.

POINT. On East Main street, a bunch of keys, which the owner can have by paying for this notice.

LAST.—Any one having found a white feather at Christmas eve, and wishing to restore it to its owner, can do so by handing it to Dr. Rumford.

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SPELLING MATCH.—The closing exercises in one of the primary departments at the high school building on Friday last, was a spirited spelling match, in which six of the "little folks" carried off the palm, namely: Charlie Watson, Lizzie Kueper, Nannie Ferriss, Nellie Hubbard, Allie Judson and Ada Zimmerman.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF PARALYSIS.—On Tuesday evening about five o'clock Mr. W. R. Cummings, who lives at No. 98 North Main street, went to his wood yard in the rear of his house to prepare some kindling wood, and, as he was absent from the house longer than his wife thought he ought to be, she went to look for him, and found him lying by the wood-pile, in a helpless condition, and unable to walk, he seemed to be conscious, and raised his right hand towards his wife for her to assist him. Help was at once called, and he was removed into the house, and medical assistance summoned. The attending physician declared it a case of paralysis of the left side. Mr. C. now lies in a critical condition at his home, with but little prospect of recovery.

A CHRISTMAS MATINEE.—Last evening an Irishman and his wife, who live near the Central depot, celebrated Christmas with a regular family row, in which the wife had her head considerably bruised, from the effects of which she was obliged to take her bed. The police lodged the man in the caboose, and we presume he will be taken before some justice this afternoon to answer for his misdeeds.

Yesterdays, Selects, per dozen, 25c. Fry's, Rowers, Big Co., prdoz., 25c. Raws, Rad's Rooks, " 25c. Oysters on the Half Shell, Big Co., perdoz., 30c, at the OYSTER BAR. Dec 24, dtf.

Headquarters for Christmas Candles is at Martin's New Confectionery.

Dec 24, dtf.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—All persons holding certificates of membership in the Pioneer Relief Association are requested to meet at this office on Friday Eve., Dec 27th, to take action towards the organization of the Decatur subdivision. By order of the committee.

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The exercises of the evening were interspersed with instrumental music and with singing by the school, several of the tabernacle themselves including singing appropriate to the event represented.

## CHRISTMAS 1878.

## DECATUR DOINGS FROM FIRST TO LAST.

## Christmas Trees and Various Other Festivities.

In no previous year has more interest been manifested in this city in the observance of Christmas than has been evinced the present season. As will be seen below, several of our Sunday schools and churches provided for entertainments of an elaborate and attractive character, which not only edified and pleased spectators but afforded much real enjoyment to the children of the respective schools. In the matter of Christmas gifts from friend to friend, from parents to children, and from children to parents, perhaps no previous year has shown a more generous outlay of means in this direction, and the freindships of our people were generally scenes of festivity and good cheer. We are also glad to record the passing of the day without serious accident to any one, though some of the houses of our people were made and by the presence of death. These families have the sympathy of the more highly favored.

Of the festivities of Christmas eve, day and night, we speak below as much at length as our columns will permit, giving them as nearly as may be in the order in which they occurred:

SANTA CLAUS AND THE FARMERS.

The ladies and gentlemen of St. John's Episcopal Church arranged a very pretty surprise for the children at Powers' Hall on Christmas eve. A large Christmas tree hung with a great variety of presents for young and old, was placed in the center of the hall, and lighted up with wax tapers. By eight o'clock the hall was well filled with ladies and gentlemen and children, when they formed in procession and marched around the room, while St. John's choir (Messrs. L. L. Ferriss, C. B. Prescott, Dr. Bamfield, H. H. Bishop, and Misses Maud Burrows and Eva Burrow) sang "Gather around the Christmas Tree," the children joining in the chorus. At the conclusion of this song "Santa Claus," (Chas. Cornet), in Arctic attire, wearing a long white beard, seated in a sleigh, was drawn into the room by four beautifull fairies, personated by the little Misses Edith Ferriss, Laura Montgomery, Lizzie Kueper and Grace Blume. The presents were then distributed among the children by "Santa Claus," whose liberal generosity will long be remembered by his little bright eyed friends. The exercises closed with a sociable.

SANTA CLAUS DOWNS A CHIMNEY.

The Universalist Church was well filled Tuesday evening to witness the Christmas Eve exercises and see Santa Claus come down the chimney. The children of the Sunday school were there in full force and the little ones as well as those of larger growth participated in the recital of appropriate selections and the singing of songs and choruses, led by D. L. Dunn the superintendent. Following the literary exercises came "Santa Claus" (F. B. Tait) down a chimney, and after relieving his burdened form of loads of presents the gifts were distributed among the children, many of the "old folks" being kindly remembered by the pleasant old gentleman with the long white beard. The exercises were of a very interesting character and the visit of old Santa Claus was a pleasing finale of the program.

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